Rice University's graduate students from foreign countries agree on two general points about Rice: the willingness of people in general to want to be helpful and the school's very "academic atmosphere.

Although Rice has no student exchange program, the student body now includes fifty-two foreign students, four of which are undergraduates and three women.

COMING FROM countries all over the world, most of them have scholarships or fellowships of some type. Almost half (22 out of 52) of the foreign students are engineering majors. There are five physics majors and less than that in all other fields.

Nevertheless, two-thirds of the graduate economics students working on doctorates are foreign students—since two of the three are from the Netherlands.

Most of these students had not been to the United States before coming to Rice.

COMPARING RICE to universities in the Netherlands, Rieks Kerkena, who is working toward his Ph. D. in economics, said that course selection in Dutch universities was much freer and unrestricted by university policy. High schools in Holland are very difficult and students who graduate can, if they apply, be admitted free to college. They can choose their own courses and work as they wish without worrying constantly about exams.

Dutch universities are not contained in one area, but could be scattered all over a city. Student organizations are not actually affiliated with the school. Rieks added that the students as a group do not take an active part in politics or sit discussing topics over coffee. Another difference he noticed in America was that the newspapers do not carry enough national and international news and often editorialize in news stories.

ANOTHER VIEW of the students at Rice comes from Henri Shankar, who had been a teacher in India, and is working on his doctorate in mathematics. "The students do not take an equal return from the money spent on their education, and they do not use the facilities to the fullest advantage."

Compared to students in India, Rice students are very "time-minded and worry about wasting time," he added.

Henri agreed that students and professors usually will take the time to be helpful and kind but he was a bit shaken by the first few Americans he observed in this country. After arriving in New York City from India, he was waiting in line to buy a bus ticket to Houston, when a man came running up and stabbed the woman in line right in front of him.

SUN YONG KIM from Korea, who is living in Wiese College, said that in Korean universities there are few dormitories. He said he enjoyed living in a dorm on campus because of the chance to meet more of the men on campus, to be in contact with them and to spend time studying to-